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Inventor Application of:
Scott Ashkenaz
C. Thomas Larson

Serial No. 09/932,580

Filed: August 17, 2001

For: METHOD OF INTERFACING
ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT TO
FIMS PROCESSING STATIONS

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner to accept the application made by the other inventor on behalf of an unwilling inventor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a). Applicant includes herewith a Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Non-Signing Inventor, C. Thomas Larson. Applicant also includes herewith an Assignment signed by co-inventor, Scott Ashkenaz, as well as an Inventors' Declaration executed by Scott Ashkenaz on his own behalf and also on behalf of the non-signing inventor, C. Thomas Larson.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), the Commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee in the amount of \$130.00 plus any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505\5589-04400.

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This statement is as to the exact facts that are relied upon to establish the diligent effort made to secure the execution of the declaration by the non-signing inventor, C. Thomas Larson, for the above-identified patent application before deposit thereof in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

This statement is being made by the undersigned, having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited herein.

I, Ann Marie Mewherter, do hereby declare that:

1. I am a registered patent agent commissioned on behalf of KLA-Tencor Corp. to procure filing of the captioned matter before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

2. C. Thomas Larson is a co-inventor of the captioned patent application, along with Scott Ashkenaz.
3. The captioned application was filed at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on August 17, 2001 without the inventors' declaration and assignment papers.
4. I was commissioned to prepare the Declaration/Power of Attorney and Assignment documents for the above-captioned patent application as well as to continue any further prosecution of this application.
5. On March 14, 2002, I forwarded via Federal Express a copy of the patent application, an inventor's declaration and assignment papers to each inventor for their execution. (Exhibits A and B)
6. Despite the papers being delivered to Mr. Larson (Exhibit C), he has not signed the documents and cannot be contacted by telephone. Currently Mr. Larson is not employed by the assignee, KLA-Tencor Corp.
7. The last known address and telephone number of C. Thomas Larson is 1096 Jessica Dr., Livermore, CA 94550; 510/447-5651 (home).

Respectfully submitted,



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Re: Patent Application Entitled "**Method of Interfacing Ancillary Equipment to FIMS Processing Stations**" -- Ashkenasz et al.

Dear Scott:

Enclosed is a copy of the above entitled patent application which was filed with the Patent Office on August 17, 2001. Also enclosed are a Declaration and Assignment for your signature.

Also, we are unsure whether we can locate co-inventor C. Thomas Larson and, if located, whether he will sign the forms. Accordingly, we may have to petition the Patent Office to allow you to sign the required Declaration on behalf of Mr. Larson. Therefore, also enclosed is a second Declaration for you to sign on your behalf as well as that of Mr. Larson.

Please return the signed forms in the envelope provided. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Ann Marie Mewherter

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Exhibit A

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